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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please insert the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

A liquid detergent composition contains greater than 5% by weight of surfactant and an encapsulate containing greater than 10% by weight of active material in a hydrated cross-linked anionic gum matrix. The anionic gum is preferably an alginate. The active material is preferably a fragrance. The detergent composition is particularly suitable for use as a laundry liquid.

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